

III. REMARKS

Claims 1-14 are pending in this application. By this amendment, claim 13 has been amended. This amendment is being made to facilitate early allowance of the presently claimed subject matter. Applicants do not acquiesce in the correctness of the rejections and reserve the right to present specific arguments regarding any rejected claims not specifically addressed. Further, Applicants reserve the right to pursue the full scope of the subject matter of the original claims in a subsequent patent application that claims priority to the instant application. Reconsideration in view of the following remarks is respectfully requested.

Applicants thank the Examiner for the telephone interview of December 11, 2007, with their representative, Hunter E. Webb. A proposed amendment was submitted in advance of the interview. In the interview, Applicants' representative discussed the rejections of claim 13. The Examiner agreed with Applicant that the proposed amendment would be sufficient to bring the claim into condition for allowance.

In the Office Action, claim 13 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph as allegedly indefinite and under 35 U.S.C. §101 as allegedly being directed to non-statutory subject matter. Applicants have amended claim 13 to cure both of these rejections. Claims 1-12 and 14 have been indicated as being allowed. Applicants gratefully appreciate the indication of allowance.

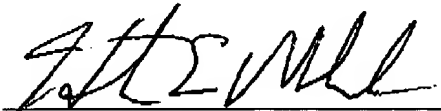
IV. CONCLUSION

In addition to the above arguments, Applicants submit that each of the pending claims is patentable for one or more additional unique features. To this extent, Applicants do not

acquiesce to the Office's interpretation of the claimed subject matter or the references used in rejecting the claimed subject matter. Additionally, Applicants do not acquiesce to the Office's combinations and modifications of the various references or the motives cited for such combinations and modifications. These features and the appropriateness of the Office's combinations and modifications have not been separately addressed herein for brevity. However, Applicants reserve the right to present such arguments in a later response should one be necessary.

In light of the above, Applicants respectfully submit that all claims are in condition for allowance. Should the Examiner require anything further to place the application in better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact Applicants' undersigned representative at the number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,



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